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SUBJ: WASHINGTON VISIT OF TANGOV PRINCIPAL SECRETARY:

B.A. SIKILO

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1. BERNARD A. SIKILO, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TRAVELING TO US ON FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT APRIL 14-26 TO CONCLUDE HOUSING LOAN NEGOTIATIONS WITH IBRD. SIKILO HAS EXPRESSED HIGH INTEREST IN CALLING ON HUD AND HAVING DAY OF APPOINTMENTS ON EITHER FRIDAY 19 OR MONDAY APRIL 22. TANGOV OFFICIAL PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN HUD RESEARCH ACTIVITIES IN LOW-COST HOUSING WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON WORK BEING DONE ON DEVELOPMENT OF MATERIALE AND NEW MAINTENAHCE SYSTEMS. AS MANY OF HIS INTERESTS MAY FALL IN NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS ARE OF RESPONSIBILITY, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR HIM TO SPEND TIME THERE AS WELL. IN ANY CASE,BELIEVE SIKILO'S VISIT PROVIDES USEFUL AND EASY AVENUE TO ACQUAINT SENIOR TANGOV CIVIL SERVANT WITH US BUILDING METHODS AND MATERIALS. WE NOTE, THIS REGARD, MOST NEW CONSTRUCTION IN HANDS OF GOVERNMENT IN ECONOMY WHICH IS INCREASINGLY BECOMING PUBLIC SECTOR ORIENTED. THEREFORE SIKILO'S INTERESTS BLEND WELL WITH OUR TRADE OPPORTUNITY TARGETTING PROGRAM WHICH IS GUIDED BY REF AIRGRAM.

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2. SIKILO HAS RESERVATIONS AT PRESIDENTIAL HOTEL AND CAN BE REACHED THROUGH PING LOH, IBRD OFFICER IN CHARGE OF TANZANIAN PROJECTS. EMBOFF GAVE SIKILO TELEPHONE NUMBER OF STATE TANZANIAN DESK OFFICER, GREGORY GAY, AND HE MAY CALL GAY DIRECTLY. SIKILO WILL BE TRAVELLING WITH OTHER TANGOV OFFICIALS WHO HE MAY WISH TO INCLUDE IN HIS APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE. RECOMMEND THAT UNDP HOUSING EXPERT (AND AMCIT) ROBER MERRILI, WHO IS ACCOMPANYING TANGOV PARTY, BE INCLUDED IN SIJLO'S APPOINTMENTS AS HE CAN BE USED AS HELPFUL RESOURCE IN MAKING TANGOV OFFICIAL'S VISIT MOST PROFITABLE. MERRIL CAN ALSO BE REACHED THROUGH PING LOH OR PRESIDENTIAL HOTEL AND COULD ALSO BE HELPFUL IN TARGETTING APPOINTMENTS.

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